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<p>Title of the Invention: <i>COMPUTER METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERMEDIATED EXCHANGE OF COMMODITIES</i></p>		

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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the fifth Office action mailed November 27, 2001, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 122 and 124 without prejudice or disclaimer.

--116. (Amended) A computer implemented method for an electronic intermediated exchange of a plurality of commodities among a plurality of participants comprising the electronic negotiation steps of:

(a) generating electronic opening messages from the participants to the intermediary, wherein the opening messages comprise digital data representing opening requests of the participants to buy and/or to sell amounts of one or more commodities, and wherein, for at least one commodity both buy and sell requests are generated by participants;

(b) generating electronic offer messages to the participants from the intermediary in response to received opening messages from said participants, wherein the electronic offer messages comprise digital data representing offers to the participants respectively to buy and/or to sell amounts of one or more commodities requested in said opening messages by said participants respectively to be sold and/or bought, with each offer

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